



*Washington Commemorates 125 Years of Statehood on November 11, 2014!*

## **Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms**

*A project undertaken as part of Washington's 125th Anniversary*

### **Project Description**

April 2014

#### **Goal:**

As part of Washington's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of statehood, WSDA plans to reconnect with the Centennial Farms recognized in 1989 as part of the state's Centennial. This provides an opportunity to:

- Highlight the importance of agriculture to the settlement and development of the state
- Reconnect with farm families whose histories have been an integral part of the history of the state
- Illustrate changes to agriculture that have occurred over the last 25 years through information provided by Washington's Centennial Farms

#### **Project:**

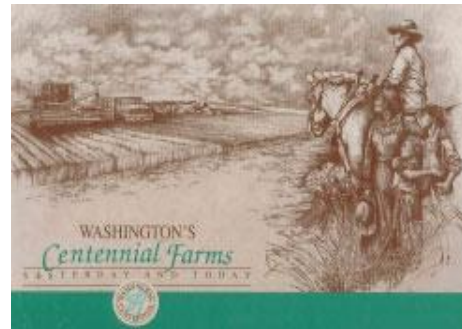
Reconnect with and share current information about the farms that participated in the WSDA Centennial Farm recognition program in 1989. More than 400 farms from across the state participated in the voluntary program 25 years ago.

#### ***Here's what we hope to learn by reconnecting with these farm families:***

1. Find out if the Centennial Farms recognized in 1989 are still owned and operated by the Centennial Farm family
2. Gather updated ownership and contact information for each farm
3. Gather information from each farm to extend the "Yesterday and Today" theme from 1989.

Specifically:

- Acres of the original parcel still retained in 2014
- Total acreage owned and operated in 2014
- Crops or livestock produced on the farm in 2014
- Changes over the last 25 years



#### ***Here's what we plan to do with the information we gather:***

- Compile a list of Centennial Farms that are still owned and operated by the Centennial Farm family with current contacts and other information we receive.
- In conjunction with the Nov. 11 event at the State Capitol, announce the results of the project and make the updated information available on the WSDA web site.

#### **Timeline:**

This spring, WSDA and a team of volunteers will begin work to gather current contact information for each Centennial farm. WSDA will then send a questionnaire to these contacts to request current information about the farm and changes since 1989. WSDA hopes to complete gathering and reviewing the information received by the end of summer.

*For more information, check the WSDA web site at [www.agr.wa.gov](http://www.agr.wa.gov)  
or contact us at [Centennial@agr.wa.gov](mailto:Centennial@agr.wa.gov)*